

**SUMMARIZED MINUTES
SCOTTSDALE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
STUDY SESSION**



**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2006
KIVA CONFERENCE ROOM – CITY HALL
3939 N. DRINKWATER BOULEVARD
SCOTTSDALE, ARIZONA 85251**

CALL TO ORDER

The Study Session of the Scottsdale Transportation Commission was called to order by Chairman Gilliland at 5:32 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Chairman Mark Gilliland
Vice-Chairman Brian Davis
Commissioner J. David Hill
Commissioner William Howard
Commissioner Kelly McCall

ABSENT: Commissioner Michael Bruz
Commissioner Matthew Taunton

STAFF PRESENT: Rose Arballo, Transportation Commission Coordinator
Debra Astin, Transit Manager
John Little, Downtown Executive Director
Dave Meinhart, Transportation Planning and Transit Director
Mary O'Connor, Transportation General Manager
Paul Porell, Traffic Engineering Director

1. **QUESTIONS REGARDING TONIGHT'S REGULAR MEETING AGENDA / COMMENTS**

• **Downtown Trolley Route Change**

Mary O'Connor reported that because of problems with the bridge bollards and adjacent construction, the proposed trolley route change would be instituted in September instead of March. She mentioned public comment was expected, noting many people are unhappy about the prospect of the route moving off of Craftsman Court. Ms. O'Connor suggested more public input might be helpful. Ms. Astin noted that because of the Thursday evening Art Walks, many people cannot leave their businesses to voice their opinions at the Transportation Commission Meeting.

Ms. O'Connor clarified that ideally, action is needed by the May meeting of the Transportation Commission.

In response to an inquiry by Commissioner Davis concerning communicating with the people involved with the Art Walk, Ms. O'Connor opined there are a variety of ways to collect public comment. She suggested having the Downtown Staff conduct another forum during the day and bring the information back to the Commission.

- **Adoption of Proposed Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Budget - FY 2006/07**

Mr. Meinhart reviewed the CIP spreadsheet that was provided in the Commission packet. He noted that a recommendation has been made that a half-million dollars in funding be available for 74th Street, adjacent to ASU/Scottsdale site, in 2006/07 rather than 2009/10. He noted that the \$140,000 that had been marked for use on SRP's streetlight improvements was eliminated, which freed up that money for the current fiscal year.

In response to a question from Commissioner Howard, Mr. Meinhart clarified that the CIP does not reflect the total cost of projects and sources of funding. Ms. O'Connor stated that information on the total costs could be found in the budget book that contains individual project information, in the City Council report for each project, or in the capital project database.

Commissioner Howard stated he could not recommend adoption of the budget because his fiduciary duty is to understand all of the figures. Ms. O'Connor pointed out that if a vote is delayed, the budget process would begin and his vote would not be considered. She offered to have individual meetings with the Commissioners in order to clarify any questions. Ms. O'Connor noted that ideally a recommendation would be received at this meeting so that City Council could receive a Commission recommendation before the budget moves forward.

Chairman Gilliland requested that an overview of the financial process be given during the regular session.

2. **Current Transportation Project Updates**

Ms. O'Connor announced that the Transportation Master Plan Project Manager would be speaking at a Chamber meeting to be held at WestWorld on February 23, at 7:30 a.m. She invited Commissioners to attend, noting that the Transportation Department did not orchestrate the agenda or create the title for their presentation.

Ms. O'Connor mentioned she would be speaking briefly about the status of the photo enforcement citations that will begin on February 22nd. She will mention that a new contractor has been secured for the 96th Street project. She referred to information in the packets regarding the upcoming Scottsdale Road and Master Plan meetings.

Ms. O'Connor suggested that the Commission consider holding a retreat, noting it would be a good opportunity to discuss their role, the Master Plan, the ordinance, and bylaws.

- **Loop 101 HOV Lane Study Update**

Ms. O'Connor reported that a representative from ADOT would be making a presentation tonight concerning the proposed HOV lanes and noise mitigation on the Loop 101 in Scottsdale.

Mr. Porell reviewed the results of noise mitigation tests that have been performed by ADOT. He noted that rubberized asphalt was not taken into consideration because it has not been accepted as a long-term noise reduction element.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the Study Session of the Scottsdale Transportation Commission adjourned at 6:06 p.m.

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